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For: METHOD FOR OPERATING A PORTABLE DATA CARRIER CONFIGURED
FOR EXECUTING RELOADABLE FUNCTIONAL PROGRAMS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper accompanies documents submitted to establish the U.S. national stage of the above-identified international patent application.

The international patent application was amended under PCT Article 34 and the claims as-amended are annexed to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER).

Before calculation of the filing fee and before examination, kindly amend the claims as annexed to the IPER as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as annexed to the IPER as shown on the appended APPENDIX OF CLAIMS, which includes amended and non-amended claims. Also appended hereto an APPENDIX OF MARKED UP CLAIMS showing the changes which have been made.

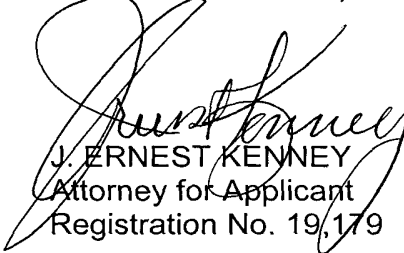
REMARKS

All rights are reserved to the original claimed subject matter. The claims have been amended to reduce the filing fees and to restate the inventive subject matter in

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clear terms. None of the amendments are intended to narrow any element of the claims as they stood prior to amendment. Examination of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

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